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### TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

#### Sydney To Cathlamet

P. G. Smith, of Svensen, the well-known employee of the Sorenson logging company, came down from Svensen yesterday to arrange for his immediate departure, with his family, from the latter place, to Cathlamet, where he has secured an enviable position.

#### Reach Astoria Today

A. B. Hammond will reach this city this evening, from Missoula, Montana, in company with his Astoria manager, George B. McLeod, who has been in San Francisco for the past 10 days, and will spend several days in overhauling his huge plant and interests here.

#### Motion Overruled

In the case of Laura Shea vs. Henry Lynch in circuit court yesterday the motion by the defense to strike out and make more definite and certain was overruled, and the defendant was given until March 6 to file answer.

#### Surprise Party

A surprise party was given to Miss Katie Jurich at her home on Twenty-second street Thursday night and the evening was passed very pleasantly in playing games and in singing. A dainty lunch, which was brought by the guests, was set, and all who were present report a very enjoyable time.

#### Raid "Blind Pig"

Acting upon bench warrants issued from the circuit court Sheriff Pomeroy arrested two alleged "blind pig" proprietors in Uppertown Thursday night, H. J. Hermundstad and John Hanson. Indictments against the two men had been returned by the grand jury. A stock of beer and whiskey was seized in each place, it is said.

#### Seventeen Indictments

The grand jury returned 17 indictments last evening and during the day, and the warrants were turned over to Sheriff Pomeroy for service. It was stated that the 17 indictments were against seven or eight individuals, of whom three or four are supposed to be "blind pig" men. There is some chance the grand jury will adjourn this evening, it is said.

#### Trio Of Astorians

There were three baby girls born in this city yesterday. One to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dayton, at 6 o'clock last evening, at their Irving avenue home near Seventeenth street; and twin girls to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Young, at their home at 737 Eighteenth street; Dr. A. A. Finch being the physician in both instances. All doing finely.

#### Jonasson Is Freed

Nels Jonasson, the Ilwaco man who has been in the city jail for several days with his mind in a beclouded condition, was yesterday released. He had improved to a considerable extent, though still apparently suffering from one or more minor hallucinations. Max Schubert, the man held at the county jail, was also released yesterday.

#### Building Collapsed

The office building by the Petersen-Frye Logging Company, on Tenth street, two doors in the rear of the Morning Astorian office, collapsed yesterday afternoon, so far as its walls were concerned, tilting backward several feet and putting the structure to the bad completely. The floor and the underpinning seemingly being intact. The building will be instantly repaired and made safe and habitable.

#### Evening Fire Alarm

By some mischance a lamp was upset in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Malagamba, at 123 Commercial street, but happily no serious damage was done. The fire department made a smashing good run to the scene of the accident but did not have to do a thing, the matter having been handled thoroughly before they arrived. The fire occurred about 7 o'clock last night.

#### Fish Warden Here

Master Fisher Warden H. C. McAllister arrived in the city yesterday to confer with his deputy, Mr. Mack on the affairs of the district, and to look into conditions generally in connection with the fisheries. He found things in perfect order and has hopes that the new agreement reached by the States of Oregon and Washington will confirm the industry in the peace and business adjustment that have been so sorely needed for a long while.

#### Farewell To Mr. Bryce

The farewell reception to Mr. John Bryce at the Presbyterian church last evening was very largely attended. Mr. Bryce has been an elder in that church for 32 years, ever since the organization of the church, and the following program was rendered: Male quartet; address by Rev. W. S. Short; Scotch songs, Mrs. C. H. Callender; address by Mrs. C. A. Gearhart; male chorus; address by the pastor. As a token a fine fountain pen was presented to Mr. Bryce, he having been clerk of the congregation for many years. Mr. Bryce responded in a very appreciative manner. Refreshments were served and a general social hour was enjoyed by all.

#### Settled Out Of Court

The suits brought by James Finlayson and G. Wingate against the Moore Logging Company, for the recovery of timber alleged to have been wrongfully taken, was yesterday settled out of court. Attorney Frank Spittle appeared for the plaintiffs. In circuit court yesterday in the case of W. F. Baker vs. E. M. Baker et al the plaintiffs were allowed three days in which to file reply. There was default in the case of J. H. McKenzie against Effie M. McKenzie and order of reference.

#### Must Remove Property

It was ordered yesterday by Judge McBride that Bridget Grant and Peter Grant remove certain property from the property belonging to the O. R. & N. Company and D. H. Welch, and the sheriff was instructed to see that the order be carried out. This is a final order in a case originally brought by the Grants to settle the ownership of a small bit of land adjoining the home property of Mrs. Grant. When the lines of the property were finally set by the court it was ascertained that a small portion of Mrs. Grant's home extended over onto the other property, and the order yesterday was in reference to that.

#### Can't Bluff The Doctor

Dr. B. Owens-Adair, of this city and county, the author of the now famous "sterilization" bill, lately passed by the Oregon Legislature, and more recently vetoed by Governor Chamberlain, arrived home on the noon train yesterday, and seemed quite cheerful in the face of the fact to which she had been subjected by his excellency. She told the Morning Astorian, however, "that while the Governor has chloroformed my bill, it is not dead; it is sleeping quietly; and will soon awake, refreshed, fully restored, and ready to assert its rights."

#### A "Naval Banquet"

The younger people of the Second Presbyterian Church, in Alderbrook, who have been conducting a contest for membership in the Y. P. S. C. E. of that church, indulged in a "Naval Banquet" in the basement of the church last evening, when the winning group in the contest were the guests of the losing faction. Everything was gotten up and served in a marine, and a jolly good time was had. The menu consisted of "Oregon, My Oregon" (clam soup); "Bullets" (baked beans); "Red Lead" (catsup); "Punkin Grease" (bread and butter); "Mystery" (potato salad); "Slush & Sinkers" (coffee and doughnuts).

#### Question Of Judgeship

If an emergency clause had been attached to the law providing for the appointment of an additional judge in this judicial district, the appointment would have been made by Governor Chamberlain, and for a time it appeared as if the emergency clause was to be attached. It develops that had the Governor made this appointment, he was practically prepared to name Attorney Frank Spittle. He has been practicing law for 16 years and this would have been a fine honor for him. When asked in reference to the matter yesterday Mr. Spittle said he believed there had been some understanding to that effect, but that he had not sought the place and under the changed state of affairs is not now a candidate at all. Attorney Eakin has announced among his friends that he is a candidate for the place, and his candidacy is looked upon as being very strong. It is known that Attorney Taylor is another strong candidate, though his friends understand that he will enter into an active campaign for the place. Other possible candidates have not definitely announced themselves, as far as is known. Last night it was stated that C. A. Abercrombie has announced himself as a candidate.

#### Monthly School Report

The report of the Astoria schools for the month of February as prepared by Superintendent Clark, shows that during January there were 1368 children of school age on the school registration, and the figures show that virtually all are in attendance upon the classes. There were 959 pupils who were neither absent or late. The per cent of attendance was 97.8, and during the month 334 parents visited the schools. There were five visits by members of the school board.

#### REALTY TRANSFERS

Bridget Bean to H. E. Noble, E 2 of NW 1-4 and lots 1 and 2 in S 31, T 8 N, R 7 W; \$1800.  
W. D. Hall to James Armstrong, lots 3 and 5, block 1, Haystack Rock Park; \$10.

## WARDEN McALLISTER ON AN OFFICIAL TOUR

VISITS ASTORIA AND UNFOLDS SOME OF HIS PURPOSES AND WISHES.

Hon. H. C. McAllister, Master Fish Warden of the State of Oregon, now in the city on departmental business, in the course of an interview last night with a reporter for this paper laid especial stress upon the necessity for a careful observance of the fact, by all fishermen and others engaged in the salmon industry, that the two bills, passed jointly by the States of Oregon and Washington, this winter, bear emergency clauses, and therefore become operative at once, and that the closed season begins at noon on Monday next, the first day of March.

Mr. McAllister also announced that he is seriously considering the expediency of locating the new central hatchery, provided for by law, at Westport, in this county; and that when it shall be completed it will be one of the finest in the Northwest and will have troughs enough to hold 4,000,000 eggs, together with a series of feeding and rearing ponds to nourish the fry to the fingerling stage before they are liberated.

The Warden has also made arrangements for the issuance of licenses by giving all his deputies, as well as every canner on the Columbia river, the privilege of uttering them. In the matter of the oversight of the Clackamas and Willamette rivers, the Warden hopes to move the Board of Fish Commissioners to close both streams, as they have the power to do under the law.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Master Warden, assisted by Deputy Mack will conduct a sale of confiscated nets, at the plant of the S. Schmidt cold storage, disposing of 21 nets to the highest bidders therefore.

He has also decided to appoint young Mr. Paulsen, of this city, a deputy and water bailiff during the closed season. Warden McAllister departs for the metropolis on this evening's train.

#### Made Three Arrests

Sheriff Pomeroy late last night arrested three men on indictments issued by the grand jury. One of them was N. J. Hermundstad, on Birch street, charged with running a "blind pig." The previous night the sheriff had searched his place on a search warrant, but the announcement that he had been already arrested seemed to have been erroneous. Norris Staples was also placed under arrest on a charge of violating the Sunday closing laws. McDonald, the present proprietor of the "Biv Swede's" place, was also arrested on the same charge. Hermundstad, was released on \$400 bail, and the others on minor sums.

#### Korea and Koreans

Eight prominent missionary leaders of Korea are conducting a Korean campaign throughout the United States. They will all be in Portland on Sunday, holding services in the 16 Presbyterian churches. On Tuesday night they will be guests of the Portland chamber of commerce at a Korean banquet at which the subject of Korean commerce will be considered. On Wednesday Dr. and Mrs. Hall will come to Astoria and at 2:30 Mrs. Hall will address a meeting for women at the Presbyterian church and in the evening at 8 o'clock Dr. Hall, will address a mass meeting, specially on Oriental trade conditions.

#### Says It Is Unfair

The very large increase made in the assessment of property in Clatsop by the state board of equalization, from \$782,420 to \$1,465,282, is characterized by the county assessor as exceedingly unfair. "Clatsop county," said Mr. Cornelius yesterday, "is not like those farming counties where all the land is very valuable. In some counties every acre is worth perhaps \$100, while here the county is undeveloped, and the chief values are only in the narrow bottom lands along the rivers. Our greatest asset is in the Columbia river, in the fishing business, and that can't be valued at all. To place us on the same footing with counties in the valley, for example, is perfectly unfair." As stated in the Astorian yesterday it looks as if the state will have to whistle for the extra \$4000 the state board has assessed this county for. Even if the county court wished to pay it, no means of securing the money suggests itself, as the time for the assessment and levy has gone by.

## PERSONAL MENTION

F. H. Madison, Pacific Coast agent for the Empire Line, last freight, with headquarters in Portland, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

J. E. David of Portland reached this city on the noon train yesterday and attend to some business matters. He is registered at the Occident.

Al Gile of Portland was noted among the business tourists in this city yesterday.

Drs. O. B. Estes, Nellie Vernon, Clara Reames and H. L. Henderson, went to Cathlamet on the morning train yesterday to appear as witnesses in the trial of Dr. Fred Peacock in that town.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Steffenson of this city took the morning train yesterday for a trip to the metropolis on business.

E. W. Tallent and Miss Harriet Tallent were passengers for Portland on the morning train of yesterday.

Claud Hubbard was a homing passenger on the 8:20 train to Portland yesterday morning after a pleasant visit here of several days.

S. Danziger went homeward, via Portland yesterday, on the morning express, after a week's stay in this city.

G. G. Anderson of Spokane was in the city on business yesterday and made himself comfortable at the Northern.

T. W. Demorest of Sacramento spent the day in Astoria yesterday and a guest at the Merwyn.

## MERELY A QUESTION OF VERACITY

LITTLE NEWS ITEM CAUSES AN UNEXPECTED FLURRY IN UNIONISM.

Several days ago the Astorian y request published a statement to the effect that the Grotto saloon had been placed on the unfair list by the Central Labor Council.

Last night's "Budget" said this: "Secretary August Nelson of the Bartenders' Union states that there is no truth in the report that the labor council has placed the saloon of J. W. Johnston on the unfair list as no such action was taken by it or by its authorization."

Here are the facts: At its meeting the early part of this week the Central Labor Council did place the Grotto saloon on the unfair list, for the reason that its barkeepers were said to be non-union. Officials of the Council that night called at the office of the Astorian and asked to have the fact reported. It was so reported. The next day the barkeepers are said to have expressed a desire to join the union, and did join the union, thus removing the cause of the trouble, and it is announced that at the next meeting of the Council the ban will be formally lifted from the saloon. Those are the facts.

"The statement in the Budget is not true," said August Nelson, secretary of the Bartenders' Union, last night. "I never told their reporter anything of the kind. It is all mixed up." Then the facts as old above were recounted by Mr. Nelson.

The matter is of no moment to the Astorian, whatever, but since it has become a matter of veracity between the two papers, this paper wants to go on record with the facts. Mr. Johnston, the proprietor, is thought by the Astorian to be one of the respectable saloon men of the city, law abiding and an excellent citizen, and the question as to whether he employs union or non-union barkeepers is not of greatest importance to many people, presumably. The question that incidentally arises is of more importance, to this paper.

The following signed statement in relation to the matter was made last night by J. L. Moore, secretary of the Labor Council:

"To Whom It May Concern: The statement published in the Astorian to the effect that the Grotto saloon had been placed on the unfair list by the Central Labor Council at its last meeting was absolutely correct. That statement was published at the request of officials of the Central Council, who called at the Astorian offices and left the minutes of their meeting. Since then the barkeepers in the Grotto saloon have joined the union, and as that was the cause of the contention, the matter will now in all probability be settled amicably at the next meeting of the council. The Astorian only published what was true and at our request."

"JOS. L. MOORE,  
"Secretary Labor Council."

## JURY HANGS OVER ONE BRINDLE STEER

DISCHARGED BY JUDGE AFTER BEING OUT FOR TEN HOURS.

At 10 o'clock last night Judge McBride discharged the jury in the "cow" case between Griffiths and Price of Seaside. After being out 10 hours it appeared as if there was no chance of the jury reaching a verdict. It was said again at the court house last night the jury stood 11 to 1 in favor of the plaintiff. The court house was getting cold last night and the jury wanted to get away. Attorney Brownell for the plaintiff said he will ask for a new trial.

The case of Lloyd Griffiths vs. R. A. Price in circuit court went to the jury at noon yesterday, after both sides had fought the matter hard. Both are Seaside men, and the contention is over a brindle steer with big horns, with a hole in one ear and a snip taken out of the other. Attorney Brownell appeared for the plaintiff and Attorney J. M. Smith for the defense. The value of the steer was perhaps \$40.

At 9 o'clock last night the jury was still out. Judge McBride and various others returned to the court last night in expectation of receiving a verdict, but the hours went by with no sign from the jury room of any settlement having been reached. Evidently some one on the jury was hanging out hard for one side or the other. From somewhere came a rumor that the jury stood 11 to 1, and the same rumor stated that the one man stood out for the defense.

Briefly stated the facts are as follows: Griffiths was the owner of the aforesaid brindle steer. It is alleged that one day R. A. Price and Fleetwood Fox, cattlemen, were driving a bunch of cattle along the county road past Griffiths' place. This bunch of cattle belonged to the defendant, Price, and it is alleged that as they passed Griffiths' place they stopped in and drove out the brindle steer and went off with it; that is, that they purchased it and naturally took it away with them. Such was the evidence offered by the plaintiffs, and it was corroborated pretty strongly, apparently. Fox even testified that he had helped drive it away and later had killed it in Price's slaughterhouse.

Lawrence Steinhilber, a young man, said he was there and saw the steer driven away. He said he knew the steer very well because it once had "freed" him.

To all this the defense offered a denial. They said it was all a mistake, and that Mr. Price had never driven the steer away, and that he knew nothing of it at all. This was corroborated by pretty strong evidence, also.

Thus there were the two stories, each clearly told. Someone was badly mistaken, and it was for the jury to determine which side was in the right. Of course the steer has long since gone the way all good steers go.

#### Ball and Social

A grand ball and basket social will be given in Lower Grange hall at Gray's River, Saturday evening, Feb. 27th. Steamer Wenona will leave Fisher's dock at 7 p. m. Fare 50c round trip. Music will be furnished by the Columbia Orchestra. Everybody invited.

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